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Re:

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Assignee:

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#### Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate)
- (3) Response To Non-Final Office Action (12 pages)

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

### Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 23, 2006, having a shortened three-month statutory period for reply that expires on Monday, April 24, 2006 (since April 23, 2006 was a Sunday). Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are presented in the Listing of Claims that starts on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments are made in this paper to the specification (other than in the claims) or to the drawings.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.